

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, June 14th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Reuben Jones, Doug Miller, Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Kevin Fowler, Eugene Henry, Airport Director Mario Evans, Christopher Richard (AAB Vice Chair), Mike Reeves, Dan Zanger

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the May 2021 minutes was made by Eugene Henry and seconded by Board Member Kevin Fowler. Motion passed.**

- II. Information/Old Business

- A. **Airport Director's Report:** Airport Director Mario Evans reported the following:

1. Airport Master Plan Update:
Evans deferred to Jim Duguay of Baker International: Jim updates: Airport Layout plan and draft documents are complete. Making final tweaks. Will submit to GDOT before the end of this month. Will also circulate to county for comments. Technical report is almost complete. Expect to submit also by the end of this month.
 2. Airport Leasing:
- Last month 4 t-hangars were approved. Tomorrow, 2 offices will be approved.
 3. RIM Update:
- Hunter Hines reported that Phase 4 is going well. Taxiway North construction in progress. Phase 3 will begin on June 17th (see email from Airport for details on closures).
 4. Update on LED Rotating Beacon install:
- New beacon has been spec'd. Order in process. Expect to install by the end of the Summer. It will stay in the existing location.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The May 2021 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 12,120** which is an increase of 6.76% as compared to May of 2020. There were 460 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **56,655** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of May 2020 of 52,604. In May 48% of operations were on a southerly flow, 49% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 10.4 households made 199 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59 PM. (36%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 69% of the complaints originated from the **30345** zip code. A total of 209 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 37 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Doug Miller stated that prop plane noise has dropped off according to the report. Korey stated that this is probably due to construction on runways.

- Reuben Jones asked about operations during curfew hours, i.e., that it is up 25%. Korey said this is usually due to MedEvac. Reuben then asked: are the High Noise event violators also violating departure standards? Korey said No.

Motion to accept the May 2021 Noise Report was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed.

B. Other:
NONE

III. New Business:

Douglas Miller – Status of Downwind? Evans answered: they are opening tomorrow, Tuesday June 15th.

IV. Public Comments:

Joe McCarty: will the LED beacon be in the same place as the old beacon? Evans: Yes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Douglas Miller and seconded by Christopher Richard. Motion passed at 6:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)